

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Cornelia Berghof et al.  
Serial No. : 10/691,731  
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE SET FOR DETECTING  
SALMONELLA, NUCLEIC ACIDS, KIT AND USE  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE—AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on February 3, 2009, having a three-month statutory period for response expiring on May 4, 2009, Applicants hereby offer the following amendment of the claims and remarks in the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this pager.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.